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SUBJECT: TURNHALLE HAS CONFRONTATION WITH RACIAL OVERTONES

1. LOCAL PRESS REPORTS THAT REMARKS BY TURNHALLE MEMBER
EBEN VAN ZIJL IN YESTERDAY'S SESSION DISRUPTED CONFERENCE.
PROVOKED BY SHARP QUESTIONING FROM BLACK AND COLORED
DELEGATES WHO ASKED FOR EXPLANATIONS FROM WHITE DELEGATES
ABOUT THEIR RECENT MEETING WITH PM VORSTER AND PROPOSALS THEY HAD
SUBMITTED ON RACIALLY SEPARATE COUNCILS ON MUNICIPAL LEVEL,
VAN ZIJL REPORTEDLY SAID " YOU FORGET THAT WE FETCHED YOU
DAMARAS FROM THE MOUNTAINS, PUT CLOTHES ON YOU AND LIFTED YOU
FROM THE MUD.. AND THE BUSHMAN. HOW DID HE GET HERE? IT IS WE
WHO GAVE HIM PROTECTION."

2. PRESS ACCOUNT SAID ONE DAMARA DELEGATE HAD TO BE
PHYSICALLY RESTRAINED FROM ATTACKING VAN ZIJL AND ANOTHER
DELEGATE ASKED FOR CHAIRMAN, DIRK MUDGE, TO PREVENT THIS
KIND OF TALK. MUDGE IMMEDIATELY ADJOURNED MEETING FOR A
DAY " TO ALLOW TEMPERS TO COOL OFF".
REPORTER SPECULATED THAT TURNHALLE " SEEMS TO BE ON THE VERGE
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OF COLLAPSE" AFTER THE INCIDENT. HOWEVER, EVENING PRESS

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INDICATES THAT THE CONFERENCE IS CONTINUING DESPITE
CONFRONTATION.
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